

NAN PATTERSON BAIL

May Irwin Offers Bonds for Release of Show Girl.

ANY SUM UP TO \$50,000

MISSING WITNESS DISCOVERED IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Alleges to Have Seen Young Kill Himself—Declares That Prisoner is Innocent.

May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish bail in any amount up to \$50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison, where she is now held charged with the murder of Caesar Young, according to an announcement made by Miss Patterson's counsel.

Another man who claims to have witnessed the tragic death of Caesar Young, the bookmaker, with whose murder Nan Patterson is charged, has been found in Jacksonville, Fla., according to information received in New York today. The alleged witness is W. B. Meyers, who is said to be a wealthy naval stores dealer in Jacksonville.

According to the story which came to New York today from Judge H. D. D. Twigg of Savannah, Ga., to the counsel for the prisoner, Meyers claims to have seen the tragedy in the cab, and declares that Young fired the shot which ended his life.

NEW YORK, N. Y., December 30.—Miss May Irwin, the actress, called personally at the Tombs prison today and left a letter addressed to the former show girl, and the announcement followed a few minutes after Miss Irwin went away that the latter was willing to furnish bail in any amount up to \$50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison.

When District Attorney Jerome's attention was called to the offer of bail, he said he had no statement to make and was not prepared to say what course the prosecution would take. Miss Patterson's bail before the recent mistrial was \$20,000, but after the jury's disagreement she was remanded without bail.

Judge H. D. D. Twigg of Savannah has written a letter to the counsel for Nan Patterson, conveying the information that W. B. Meyers, a wealthy naval stores dealer in Jacksonville, saw Caesar Young fire the shot which ended his life. W. B. Meyers should not be confounded with Algernon C. Meyer, formerly of Deland, Fla., who was a statesman to a question he stated that he had seen a man shoot himself in a cab, giving the exact location of the Patterson-Young affair.

Declared the Girl Innocent.
He said he had learned that the man's name was Young, but that the name of the woman he had not learned. Judge Twigg informed him that Nan Patterson had since been arrested for the murder of Young. Mr. Meyers at once explained that the girl was innocent and he declared it his intention to send his name to her and to go to New York to testify.

During the progress of the trial Judge Twigg watched eagerly for the name of Meyers, and was greatly surprised when it was not used. He concluded that the man had not written to the girl's counsel and yesterday he decided to do so himself. The letter, which is now on its way here, states that Meyers is a man of high standing and had signed his willingness to testify in the girl's behalf.

Man Referred to by Hazelton.
N. W. Hazelton, aged retired merchant of Onondaga, N. Y., who testified that he saw the shooting, said a man was with him at the time, but he did not know his companion's name and knew only that he was a Mason. It is presumed that Meyers is the man who was with Mr. Hazelton.

Lawyer Daniel O'Reilly of counsel for Nan Patterson, when told of the news from Savannah today, said he considered it of the utmost importance. He had never heard of W. B. Meyers in connection with the case and, therefore, was surprised to hear that Meyers would prove the star witness for the defense.

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It is not believed that the next trial will be within the next month. Some of them, unless the girl is released on bail, which has also been offered by three wealthy men of Fairmont, W. Va., she will be obliged to remain in prison.

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY.
Nan Patterson Gets Many Offers and Suggestions by Mail.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
NEW YORK, December 30.—Hundreds of persons, many of them well known, have written letters of sympathy to Nan Patterson in the Tombs, expressing their regret at the mistrial. Some of them offer her a home. Letters are from persons in all conditions of life.

A. C. Decker, of Keokuk, Iowa, who says he is sixty years old, married and has grandchildren, says he is satisfied that Miss Patterson has been more sinned against than sinning. He believes she was wronged by fate.

R. C. Harn of San Antonio, Texas, suggests that if Nan Patterson's father is a Mason, Masons should raise a fund to defend the girl. She was charged with the murder of a man who was a witness when told that a witness had been found in Jacksonville who declares he saw Young shoot himself.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE

Rihlung Fort a Strategic Point for Japanese.

FORMIDABLE POSITION

IS THE LARGEST AND STRONGEST OF EASTERN RIDGE.

Work of the Assaulters Described as Splendid and the Spectacle Was Magnificent.

Despite the assertions of St. Petersburg authorities, the capture of Rihlung Fort by the Japanese besieging Port Arthur yesterday is regarded as a notable conquest.

The fort was approached only after the most arduous and difficult tunneling and dynamiting, and then carried by a heroic assault.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE ARMY BEFORE PORT ARTHUR, via Fusan, December 30.—Rihlung fort, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fort ridge. Tunnels for mines were cut through solid rock, and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls.

The spectacle was magnificent, and the work of the assaulters was splendid. Half the garrison was killed by the explosion of the fort charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid-firing guns and two machine guns were captured, as well as thirty quick-firing guns, which were stored in the fort.

KAGNAKOFF'S RECALL.

Conjecture in Czar's Capital Over the Action.

PARIS, December 30.—Admiral Kagnakoff (who is Russia's representative on the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident, but who has been recalled and will be succeeded by Vice Admiral Doussault) starts for St. Petersburg tomorrow, after receiving a laconic dispatch saying Emperor Nicholas desired to consult with him.

The admiral's health, which is said to have been the cause of his recall, is excellent. Members of his staff say the renewed naval preparations are doubtless the cause of the consultation.

CZAR'S INSURANCE.

Foundation for the Story Started in London.

LONDON, December 30.—It transpired today that the only foundation for the story of the heavy insurance of the life of Emperor Nicholas at Lloyds here by holders of Russian bonds was the fact that an individual yesterday proposed to take out a policy for \$5,000 on the Russian emperor's life at fifteen guineas per thousand for a year. He today took out a policy for \$2,500 at that rate.

UNCLE SAM'S DOCTRINE.

Russian Paper Discourses Upon Position of United States.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 30.—The Novoye Vremya today publishes an article on the "new Monroe doctrine of America." While not objecting to what it terms the "hands off" policy of the United States, nor even to the "honest broker" policy if the charges are not too high, it declares that the United States should not attempt to do so much in the name of Uncle Sam. It says that the United States should not attempt to do so much in the name of Uncle Sam.

RED CROSS SCANDALS.

Old Charges to Be Thoroughly Investigated—Supplies.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 30.—S. A. Alexandrovsky, formerly in charge of the Russian Red Cross work in the far east, who has been succeeded by Prince Vassilitchoff, has accepted General Kuropatkin's offer to act as chief of the sanitary departments of one of the armies.

The old Red Cross scandals are now receiving a thorough ventilation in the papers. Vast quantities of supplies went astray during the summer and early autumn. One hundred out of 120 bales from Moscow alone disappeared, and the demand is made for the punishment of those responsible.

The precautions now taken effectually prevent a recurrence of the disappearance of supplies. The emperor has sent a personal message to the effect that their transportation is not interfered with.

CONTINUOUS OVATION.

Japanese Greetings for Togo and Kaminura at Tokyo.

TOKYO, December 30, 11 a.m.—Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kaminura, with their staffs, arrived at the Shimbassai station at 9:20 o'clock today. Their journey from Kure to Tokyo was a continuous ovation. At an early hour today the streets were filled and the city was gaily decorated with flags, lanterns and New Year decorations. Representatives of the emperor and empress, Prince Fushimi, Jr., elder statesman, ministers, prominent Japanese and thousands of school children, greeted the arrival of the naval heroes at the station. The presidents of both houses of the diet presented them with the resolutions of commendation passed by their respective branches of parliament.

The quiet, gray-bearded Admiral Togo, in a blue service uniform, seemed embarrassed at the nobby ovation. Rear Admiral Kaminura, chief of staff, laughingly elbowed forward Vice Admiral Kaminura. The junior officers tried to consider it of the utmost importance. He had never heard of W. B. Meyers in connection with the case and, therefore, was surprised to hear that Meyers would prove the star witness for the defense.

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port to the emperor. They will probably remain in Tokyo about one week for the purpose of consulting with the general staff and perfecting plans for future operations.

NAVAL CIRCLES ACTIVE.

Vladivostok Getting Ready for Pacific Squadron—Harbor Conditions.

CHEFOO, December 30.—6 p.m.—The British steamer Canton, just arrived from Vladivostok, reports great activity there in naval circles, every effort being made to complete the dry dock before the arrival of the second division of the Pacific squadron. Many masts have been removed, because the harbor will soon be closed with ice.

The cruisers now in port never leave the harbor. A passage through the ice will have to be freshly made when Admiral Skrydlov attempts to join Admiral Rojestvensky.

TO INSIST UPON A REPLY.

Shanghai Authorities Demand Surrender of Russian Murderer.

SHANGHAI, December 30.—The taotal has been instructed by the foreign board at Peking to insist upon a reply from the Russian consul to his demand for the surrender of the sailor belonging to the Russian cruiser Askold who on December 15 murdered a Chinaman on the bund here as the result of a dispute over payment for the hire of a Jinhkisa.

Should the consul decline to comply with this demand, the Chinese authorities here say, it will be apparent that Russia contemplates a serious breach of neutrality of China, and that henceforth China cannot undertake to protect Russians in Chinese harbors against actions of the Japanese. The taotal continues to take strict precautions to prevent the possible escape of the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovoi, which vessels, it has been reported, contemplated making an effort to join the Russian second Pacific squadron.

NO PORT IN DUTCH EAST INDIES.

Story of Concession From Holland Emphatically Denied.

THE HAGUE, December 30.—In reply to an intimation in the second chamber today Colonial Minister Idenburg reiterated the official denial of the report that the Russian second Pacific squadron would be permitted to use a port in the Dutch East Indies.

"There is not a word of truth," said Minister Idenburg "in the story that Sabang will be placed at the disposal of one of the belligerents in the far east. Nothing has either been asked or granted in regard to the use of a port. The strict neutrality being observed both in Holland and in the Dutch East Indies and it will continue until the end of the war."

RUSSIAN REFORM AGITATION.

War Has Now Taken a Second Place—Zemstvo Caution.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 30.—The agitated state of the public opinion throughout the country over the reforms apparently continues unabated. The war has distinctly taken a second place. Despite the government's warning to the press, the papers discuss the situation pointedly, but guardedly. While the understanding is that the committee of ministers intends, in considering the various reforms outlined in the imperial manifesto, to consult with the classes interested, the fear is quite openly expressed that the proposed measures may be smothered by the cumbersome bureaucratic machinery before they are eventually crystallized into laws, thus sharing the fate of many former beneficent intentions of the monarch. As a means of avoiding such a catastrophe, the papers press more or less openly the advisability of the committee of ministers securing the direct co-operation of legally elected representatives of the various classes.

The zemstvos, under the threat contained in the government note, seem to be acting with considerable circumspection, and no more have followed the example of the Moscow zemstvo in adjoining sine die. Neither have there been recurrences of the disturbances. The revolutionary organization, it is said, in addition to Grand Duke Sergius and M. Trepoft, police chief of Moscow, have condemned Procurer General Pobedonostsev of the holy synod and Minister of Justice Muraviev.

Jews Petition Mirsky.

Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky has promised a deputation of Jews from Nikolaevsk, who complain that the position of 25,000 of their coreligionists in Akheron province is jeopardized by the new passport laws put into effect by the late Interior Minister Von Plehve last year, to give the matter his immediate attention.

TO PROCEED WITH CASE

WILL DISREGARD EXPRESSIONS IN IRVINE-TALBOT MATTER.

Presenters Decide to Go Ahead Despite Question of Irregularity Raised by Churchmen.

PHILADELPHIA, December 30.—That the presenters in the case of Rev. Ingram N. W. Irvine against Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of the diocese of central Pennsylvania, intend to proceed despite the technicality which has been raised concerning the validity of the presentment, was evidenced today when Herbert Noble of New York, senior counsel for the presenters, arrived here and called a conference of his associate counsel, J. Frederick Jenkinson and Agnew McBride.

The statement that the amendment to the canon would render null and void the presentment is not taken seriously by the counsel. The proceedings were begun with the filing of the papers with Bishop Tuttle in December, and the amendment to the canon does not become operative until January 1. It is pointed out that under the law, the proceedings are regular, as it is not likely that legislation can be enacted which will leave pending cases dead in suspension.

Noble in Conference.
Mr. Noble arrived here today, and during the afternoon was in conference with his associates. Previous to the meeting Mr. Jenkinson requested newspaper reporters to refrain from asking questions until he was in a position to answer them.

"Give us time to prepare our case," said the lawyer.
It could not be learned today how many presenters Mr. Noble had requested to meet him here, but it is understood that others besides the lawyers in the case will confer with him on the plans for the hearing on January 10.

It is stated, on good authority that the attorneys have held, and now hold, the opinion that the men who signed the presentment did so with full knowledge of its purport. That question will be fully discussed by Mr. Noble and his associates during the visit of the senior counsel.

Proceedings Will Be Irregular.
BOSTON, December 30.—Charles G. Saunders of this city, one of the leading authorities on canon law of the Episcopal Church, is of the opinion that proceedings instituted under the old laws will be unconstitutional after January 1, the day the new canons adopted at the triennial convention in Boston, in October, become effective.

In this opinion Mr. Saunders is in apparent agreement with Rev. Dr. John Putnam, a canonical authority of Philadelphia, who raised the point that the proceedings brought under the old canons against Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of central Pennsylvania, in the interest of Rev. I. N. W. Irvine, a deposed clergyman, will be illegal after tomorrow.

Mr. Saunders' Opinion.
The opinion of Mr. Saunders is considered important as he was secretary of the commission on the revision of the canons and the member of the last house of deputies who formally presented the revised laws to that body. There is no provision in the new canons for the disposition of cases pending at the time of their adoption.

NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS

LIST OF THOSE RECEIVING TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW.

The Star will publish tomorrow lists of those receiving and not receiving New Year day.

Persons desiring to announce that they will or will not receive Monday may do so without charge by sending notices to The Evening Star office any time prior to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The notices should contain only the announcement that there will or will not be a reception and the names and addresses.

Every notice must be properly authenticated to insure publication.

begin under the old laws which may be pending when the revised canons go into effect.

The person who has authority to act in such an emergency is the Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, bishop of Missouri and the presiding bishop of the church. If Bishop Tuttle decides that the existing presentment against Bishop Talbot is irregular, the present proceedings can be dropped and a new presentment made to conform to the provisions of the revised canons.

Changes in Church Laws.

The changes in the church laws, it is admitted, were made to meet cases like the Talbot-Irvine trouble. When an attempt was made in 1902 to reopen the case which had been settled in favor of Bishop Talbot, the whole matter had to be dropped on a ruling that the presiding bishop had no canonical warrant to proceed further.

While these deliberations were on, the necessity for a court of review and appeal became apparent and some of the church newspapers advised such a court as a remedy for the difficulties then experienced through canonical limitations.

In the discussion at the Eastern convention on the establishment of courts of review and appeal, the central Pennsylvania case was referred to indirectly as an instance where a court of appeal was needed.

FOR TWO MORE SUBMARINES.

Secretary Morton Directs That Contracts Be Made.

Secretary Morton has directed that contracts be made with the Holland company for the construction of two submarines for the navy, at a total cost of \$450,000. One of the boats is to be 105 feet in length and to cost \$250,000, and the other is to be 81 feet long and to cost \$200,000. There is an appropriation of \$900,000 available for the purchase of submarine boats, and the department is endeavoring to arrange for a test of boats of that type next May. The balance of the appropriation is held up pending negotiations with the builders.

APPEALS TO HIGHEST COURT.

The Case of Superintendent Holden of the Gas Works.

A writ of certiorari has been filed with the United States Supreme Court in the case of Holden against the United States in order to bring the case before that court. Holden is superintendent of the gas works, who was convicted in the Police Court for allowing refuse to run into the Potomac river, resulting in its pollution. This conviction was confirmed by the Court of Appeals and is now pending in the Supreme Court.

A LINE OF STATIONS.

Wireless Telegraph System to Extend From Maine to Texas.

Rear Admiral Manney, chief of the bureau of equipment, has completed plans for the establishment of a line of wireless telegraph stations extending from Cape Elizabeth, near Portland, Me., to Galveston, Texas, many of the stations having a range of 250 miles. The new stations will include one at Cape Henlopen, at the mouth of Delaware bay; Diamond Shoal Lightship, off Cape Hatteras; Bear, N. C.; navy yard, Charleston, S. C.; Pensacola, New Orleans and Galveston.

REPAIRS TO THE TEXAS.

Will Be Completed So That Ship Will Appear in Naval Review.

Chief Constructor Capps, at the Navy Department, has received a report from the naval constructor in charge of construction work at the navy yard, New York, showing that favorable progress is being made with the repairs on the battle ship Texas, which was damaged by a collision with a floating derrick in the yard basin several days ago. The damages were not nearly so extensive as at first reported, and will not interfere with the plans for the battle ship.

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The battle ships Kearsarge, Kentucky and Illinois have arrived at Hampton Roads, the battle ship Massachusetts at New York, the Olympia and Cleveland at St. Kitts, the Abnera at Norfolk, the Arctura at San Juan, the Gloucester at Pensacola, the Ohio at San Francisco, the Dixie at Colon, the Brutus at Chefoo and the Cincinnati at Hong Kong.

The Topeka has left Newport for Hampton Roads, the Florida has left League Island for Norfolk, and the Wasp sailed from Kingston yesterday for Chiriqui.

SEARCH PROVES VAIN

Alexandria County Officers After Negro Man.

GRAVE CRIME CHARGED

SAID TO HAVE ASSAULTED TWO YOUNG LADIES LAST NIGHT.

Victims in Bad Shape Today—Threats of Lynching Heard—The Details.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 30, 1904. Sheriff Palmer and a posse of citizens of Alexandria county have been scouring the vicinity of Arlington Junction and the surrounding country today for the negro who attempted to commit a criminal assault on Miss Esther Peverill and Miss Beulah Ebaugh between 10 and 11 o'clock last night, a few hundred yards from Arlington Junction. All the negro settlements in that part of the county were visited and searched, but the fugitive had not been discovered up to the time this report closed this afternoon.

Miss Ebaugh escaped from the encounter with a few bruises, but Miss Peverill was thrown to the ground, choked and beaten, and only saved from a worse fate by the timely arrival of rescuers.

Miss Peverill is the daughter of Lewis Peverill, who lives on a large farm just north of Alexandria, and Miss Ebaugh is a daughter of William E. Ebaugh, a manufacturer, whose home is near Addison Heights. Both the young women are about eighteen years of age. Miss Peverill spent the night in a state of nervous shock, but her condition was not considered immediately alarming by the attending physician, Dr. A. A. Rittenour of Alexandria.

The news of the brutal attack upon the two girls spread rapidly, and by midnight parties of citizens had gathered to search for the assailant. The recital of the harrowing circumstances produced such burning indignation that there were not wanting those who swore that the commonwealth should never have the trouble of prosecuting the negro.

It was evident that he would have been speedily lynched had he not been apprehended before morning. In fact, the probability of such a thing in the event of capture was scarcely less today, though Sheriff Palmer was determined to attempt to secure the man from violence if possible.

The negro was described as being about twenty-two years of age, very black, and about six feet tall. He wore a black suit, besmearing with mud, and a slouch hat. This description was relayed to the headquarters in Washington and Alexandria, in both of which cities a vigilant watch has been kept today for the fugitive.

Near Arlington Junction.

The attempted assault occurred only a short distance from Arlington Junction, on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon electric line. Miss Peverill and her friend, Miss Ebaugh, had accompanied a party of young people from a nearby town, where a Christmas entertainment was held, to the junction, where their friends took the electric cars for Washington.

When the party reached the station, they were met by a man who was one of their acquaintances, who was expected to meet them there and escort them home. He was accompanied by a woman, the delay, and suspecting no danger in the short distance between the two and the home, they followed him. The two girls decided to go by themselves. They were then directed to a section where several brick buildings were located. They were to be crossed before the path which led up through a field to the house was reached. Apart from the running of an occasional horse train, the place was deserted at that hour of the night is extremely quiet.

Miss Peverill and Miss Ebaugh had proceeded some distance from the station, perhaps half of the way to the home, when they were suddenly accosted by a tall negro with a bag on his back. He made a lunge at Miss Ebaugh, who he struck on the head, attempting at the same time to seize her, but by a quick movement she escaped his grasp. Miss Peverill, however, was not so fortunate. She was almost paralyzed with fright and was caught violently by the negro, but, summoning all her strength, she managed to free herself. Meanwhile Miss Ebaugh was speeding toward her father's house, which she reached in a remarkably short time, and gave the alarm.

Found Girl Unconscious.

The men who responded with all possible dispatch found the unfortunate girl lying unconscious on the ground. The negro was nowhere to be seen. The time which had elapsed had been brief and he had evidently been frightened away by the sound of the alarm. The approach of the rescuers, Miss Peverill's condition was pitiful. Her clothes were torn and covered with mud and her head was bruised and swollen. She was with difficulty aroused from her unconscious condition and her faculties were at first almost entirely paralyzed.

She was unable to recall what had happened, but believed that she had been struck by an electric train, but gradually the terrible experiences through which she had passed recurred to her mind.

Dr. A. A. Rittenour of this city was telephoned for and reached the residence within a short time after the occurrence. Miss Peverill's condition soon improved slightly, but she continued in a state of nervous shock bordering on collapse through the night. From the physician's examination it appeared that, despite the bodily injuries the young woman had suffered, her resistance to the assault was remarkably short, time, and gave the alarm.

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To Advertisers.

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GRAND JURY'S REMEDY

Whipping Post for Punishment of Wife Beaters.

REPORT SUBMITTED

MANNER OF ADMINISTERING OATHS REFERRED TO.

Belief That Greater Care Should Be Observed in Questioning Applicants for Marriage Licenses.

In a report submitted to Chief Justice Alvey of the District Supreme Court this afternoon, the local grand jury, by a majority vote, recorded its approval of the proposition to establish the whipping post as a means of punishing wife beaters and petty larceny offenses. The suggestion was also made by the jury that the Police Court be given authority to deal with all cases of embezzlement where the amount involved is less than \$35.

The grand jury for the October term this afternoon made its final report, and was discharged from further service by Chief Justice Clabaugh of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, with the thanks of the court. In addition to reporting a number of misdemeanors and ignoring one charge, the grand jury submitted a statement embracing certain recommendations, as follows:

"The members of the grand jury of the October term, 1904, having completed their term of service, desire to record their appreciation of the courtesies extended by Justice David Thew Wright, who presided over Criminal Court No. 1 during their term, and to tender their thanks for the assistance given them by the United States district attorney, Mr. Morgan H. Beach, and his courteous and able assistants, Messrs. Mulwren, Bingham and Keiser."

"Further, we wish to call the attention of this honorable court to the following: During our term of service a grand jury investigated a number of charges of embezzlement where the amount of money taken amounted to only a few dollars, and it seemed to us that the punishment of such offenders was too lenient. We believe that a whipping post should be established in the court where such presentments are subsequently tried, and much better security of public money to bring such cases before a grand jury. The desirability of establishing the whipping post as a means of punishing wife beaters and petty larceny offenses has been investigated by this body and the majority of the members are of the opinion that it would prove very effective in increasing the number of these reprehensible crimes."

"Recent cases brought before us emphasize the need of having men and women about to unite in matrimony produce evidence that they are free from loathsome or dangerous diseases before being granted license to marry."

Administering Oaths.

"We also conclude that the manner of administering the oath to prospective witnesses for the grand jury in a body does not impress the individual sufficiently with the solemnity and importance of an oath. In view of the foregoing, we would respectfully recommend that the clerk of the District of Columbia be authorized to issue subpoenas for the grand jury for the District of Columbia that they petition Congress for the enactment of laws as follows: That the clerk of the District of Columbia be given authority to deal with all cases of embezzlement where the amount involved is less than \$35."

"Second.—That the whipping post be established to punish those guilty of the crimes of wife beating or petty larceny. That the clerk of the court before issuing marriage licenses ask whether the applicants are suffering from any infectious diseases and if they are, to require the doctors to sign a physician's certificate."

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